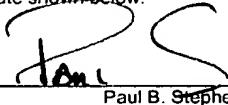


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AMENDMENT

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In response to the office action dated May 23, 2002, please consider the following remarks.

REMARKS

The applicant has carefully considered the office action dated May 23, 2002. The applicant appreciates the Office's review of this matter. However, in view of the following, it is respectfully submitted that all pending claims are in condition for allowance. As such, a favorable reconsideration is respectfully requested.

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, 15, 28, and 29 are pending. This application claims priority to United States Application Serial No. 09/394,796, now U.S. Patent 6,330,763 ("the '763 patent"). The originally-filed claims 3, 12-14, 16-22, 26 and 27 have all issued in that parent case.

The current pending claims have all been rejected under a double patenting rejection based on the '763 patent. A terminal disclaimer has been submitted simultaneously herewith, thereby traversing the rejection.

Claims 1, 2, 4-11, and 15 stand rejected as anticipated by Clark, U.S. Patent 2,878,532. Applicants address the rejections of independent claims 1 and 15, noting that each rejection is improper and must be withdrawn.